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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS
WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes.
Coffee, from the pure bean, ground on the premises.
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands.
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf.
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies.
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles.

Candles: best brands.
Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes.
Vestas, by approved makers.
Salt: table, fine, and coarse.
Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanas, and Elemes.
Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene.
Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted.

TOBACCOS.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior.
Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens.
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes.
Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case.
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case.
Rum: Lemon Hart's.
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape.
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond.
Gin: J.D.K.Z. Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell.
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's.
Claret: St. Julien's.

Moselle: No. 2.
Hook: Gold Leaf.
Ginger Wine, in bulk and case.
Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial.
Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial.
Cordials: assorted.
Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's.
Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's.

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse.
Gunpowder, caps, and shot.
Long and short handled shovels.
Spades, sluice forks.
Picks and pickhandles.
Gold dishes, hose-pipes.
Drills and drilling hammers.
Manilla and flax ropes.
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils.
Galvanised and corrugated iron.
Stoves and piping.

Billies and pannikins.
Tea-kettles, iron and tin.
Galvanised iron buckets and tubs.
Iron boilers.
Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans.
Axes and axe-handles.
Nails, cut and wrought.
Tacks, clout and American cut.
Garden rakes, hoes, and spades.
Cutlery, a large assortment.
Carpenters' tools of every description.

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac.
Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin.
Shirts: white dress, crimeans, Scotch twill, tweed.
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton.
Hosiery and hats.

Dress materials: wineceys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints.
Flannels; Calicoes, bleached and unbleached.
Blankets, rugs, quilts.
Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.
Cocoa and felt mattings.
Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets.
Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boot.
Women's, and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.
N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete.
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket.

China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description.

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerscham and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

W. TALBOYS' CLEARING SALE OF GROCERY.

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s.
Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d.
Muscatels, 1s 2d per lb.
Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb.
Elemes, 7½d per lb.
Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb.
Two-crown Soap, 12s per box.
Three-crown Soap, 14s per box.
Cheese, 10d per lb.
Hams, 10d per lb.
Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin.

Fresh Herrings, 8d per tin.
Lobsters, 10½d per tin.
Salmon, 10½d per tin.
Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d.
Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d.
Oysters, 7d per tin.
Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin.
Figs, 1s per box.
Preserved Fruits, 2s.
Pickles, 1s per bottle.
Candles 10½d per lb.

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertights, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

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I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

In returning thanks to the Public of Cromwell and surrounding districts for past patronage, respectfully beg to inform them that, having been unsuccessful in disposing of our Cromwell branch, we have determined

TO CONTINUE BUSINESS,

And, with that view, have Replenished our Stock with a large and well-selected assortment of

DRAPERY, BOOTS, HOSIERY, FANCY GOODS,

CROCKERY, IRONMONGERY & GROCERIES,

Which we are now offering at prices far below former quotations. We would specially draw attention to our Stock of

**MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,
BLANKETS, ETC.,**

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY, AS BEING OF VERY CHOICE VALUE.

AN EARLY INSPECTION SOLICITED.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Silk-dressed Flour, Bran and Pollard.

A LARGE STOCK OF GRAIN AND PRODUCE ALWAYS ON HAND.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

EXTENSION OF PREMISES.

W. TALBOYS,

Having determined to Extend his Premises,

WILL HOLD A

Great Clearing Sale!

OF HIS EXTENSIVE AND VARIED STOCK OF

**DRAPERY, HOSIERY, HABERDASHERY,
CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES, &c., &c.,**

EXTENDING OVER ONE MONTH ONLY!

CALL EARLY AND SECURE BARGAINS!

Cromwell

N O T I C E

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of October, November and December, 1879, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:—

CLYDE—Every Thursday, excepting the Teviot Court week.

CROMWELL—Every Friday.

ALEXANDRA—Monday, October 20

November 3 and 17

Dec. 1, 15 and 29

[The District Court Office at Alexandra will be open on the above dates for the transaction of business.]

ROXBURGH—Tuesday, October 14

November 11

December 9

OPHIR—Tuesday, October 21

November 18

December 16

JACKSON KEDDELL,

Warden and R.M.

MR A. F. BLOOD, B.A.,
Has Commenced Practice as a
SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER

In the District, R.M. and Warden's
Courts, Cromwell.

Mr Blood is prepared to visit Alexandra,
Blacks, &c., when professionally required.

OFFICE:

**NEXT DOOR TO THE BANK OF NEW
ZEALAND.**

HENRICH BEHRENS,
WHEELWRIGHT
AND COACH BUILDER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL

(Nearly opposite Bank of New South Wales),
Is prepared to execute all Orders entrusted to
him with carefulness and despatch.

A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and
Native Timbers kept in Stock.

Repairs done in best style.

K. PRETSCHE,
CROMWELL,

COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper
hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every
description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting,
Paperhanging, Decoration,
and Sign Writing.

E. MURRELL,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Has just received, per
English Mail, another con-
signment of
**SILVER
HUNTING
LEVER
WATCHES**
direct from the



Manufacturer
in London. As
these Watches
are made to his
own order, bear
his name, and
specially made
to suit the re-
quirements of
this district, he
can with confidence recommend them to the
public both as regards finish and accuracy of
adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be ex-
celled in the colony.

E.M. has made arrangements for regular sup-
plies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position
to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every
Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRELL,

Watch and Clock Maker,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

**THE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRAC-
TEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.**
(KREBS' PATENT.)

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,

Having accepted the above Company's Agency
or New Zealand, direct the attention of Rail-
way and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarry-
men to the enormous advantages derived from
the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES
MANUFACTURED.

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or
soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs'
Patent being the only manufacture insoluble) it
is invaluable.

The SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL
EXPLOSIVES has been proved by experts to
be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported
Dynamite, while the present price renders it
cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.

5 " 2s 6d "

10 " 2s 3d "

Delivery from magazine payable by purchaser.

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IRONMONGERS AND

IRON MERCHANTS,

PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

Miscellaneous.

T O F A R M E R S.
M'CORMICK'S HARVESTERS FOR SALE.

Agent for Cromwell:

CHARLES COLCLOUGH.

R. AND A. J. PARK,
SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,
SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,
SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,
HIGHESTREET, DUNEDIN.

Land Office business transacted.

MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.

J O H N S M I T H
begs to intimate to the Public that he
HAS OPENED

Those

WELL-KNOWN AND COMMODIOUS STABLES
(Late Starkey and Scally's),
And hopes, by attention and civility, to merit a
fair share of public patronage.

BUGGIES & SADDLE HORSES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

HORSES BROKEN IN, &c.

P. BUTEL & CO.'S
FLOUR MILLS,
NEAR ARROWTOWN.

Supply First-class

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dis-
patch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed,
—cannot be excelled in the Colony.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surround-
ing districts that, having now completed the
above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with
machinery on the most improved principle, he
is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WAKATIP FLOUR & OATMEAL
MILLS, LAKE HAYES.

ROBERT GILMOUR - PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public
that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal,
he has now completed considerable improvements
on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to
supply a first-class article at a most reasonable
rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a
Miller of wide experience, the public can depend
upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best
quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and
upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

N O T I C E.

FOURPENCE each will be given by the
undersigned for the SKINS of Rabbits de-
stroyed on Mt. Pisa and Queensberry Runs
upon delivery at the Home Station.

I. LOUGHNAN.

4th July, 1879.

N O T I C E.

A number of useless Curs are allowed to
prowl about on Kawarau Station by their
owners. This is to give them warning that
POISON will be laid wherever they are most
likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

F O R S A L E.

8-h.p. horizontal Steam Engine and Boiler,
with winding and pumping gear

Several Sections in Cromwell

Cottage (furnished) and Section in Melmore
Terrace

Cottage and Section in Murray-street

Shop and Dwelling in Melmore-street

Cottage on Block IX.

Water-race of 12 heads (Lowburn)

Agricultural Lease Area of 200 Acres

Cromwell Coal Lease and Plant

Several Quartz-crushing Batteries

Bannockburn Water-race.

20 Acres, Freehold (fenced), adjoining Crom-
well.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Agent, Cromwell.

Cromwell

S W A N B R E W E R Y,
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER - Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his
unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, de-
livered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Crom-
well, or at the Brewery, will be promptly at-
tended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the
public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business
and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the
public patronage.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,
&c.

Every description of work in connection with
Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made
and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable
Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally
that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a
CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the
first introduced up-country; and in this branch
he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved
principle.

Light shoes ... 10s.

Draught do. ... 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and
Cattle Medicines on hand.

**IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FAR-
MERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS,

Having purchased the business as General Black-
smith and Horse-shoer in Cromwell, lately car-
ried on by Mr R. Cayford, begs to inform the
public that he is in a position to execute every
class of work in a most satisfactory manner at
reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department
the advertiser has considerable experience, and
in these branches can guarantee to suit those
who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for
all complaints.

Note the Address—

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,

Opposite Messrs Grant and MacKellar's offices.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MER-
CHANTS, AND GENERAL

STOREKEEPERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the
regular consignment of Goods suitable to the
market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in
intimating that they have now on hand, and
constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND
FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which
will be found to compare most favorably as to
price with those of any establishment on the
Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in
above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a
detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made
arrangements for a constant supply of

**FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL
PRODUCE**

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills.
In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE
DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they
have entered into arrangements for the regular
supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an
advantage which they feel sure their customers
will fully appreciate.

Insurance Companies.

**NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-
ANCE SOCIETY.**

**RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST
LIBERAL TERMS.**

JAMES MARSHALL,

Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

[ESTABLISHED, 1859.]

**NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE
COMPANY.**

CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.

Accepts Fire Risks on every description of
property, at lowest rates.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,

Agent, Cromwell.

COBB AND CO.'S
LIVERY STABLES,
LAWRENCE.

Will now be under the personal supervision of
Mr Craig.

HORSES & BUGGIES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

Horses Broken to Saddle and Harness.

H. CRAIG & Co.,
Proprietors.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE.

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of
Cromwell and District that he has OPENED
REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his
Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can
rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every
description.

E. LYONS

(Late J. B. L. Luke),

COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

KAWARAU COAL PIT,
BANNOCKBURN.

JOHN PRYDE, Proprietor.

The Coal supplied from above Pit is recognised
as the best yet vended in the district. It burns
freely, and emits great heat. It is delivered at

Cromwell ... 24s per ton.

Bannockburn ... 20s do.

At Pit's mouth ... 12s do.

FULL WEIGHT GUARANTEED.

JOHN PRYDE,

Proprietor.

WANAKA SAWMILLS.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,

PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills
in complete working order with the best appli-
ances obtainable and are prepared to supply
Manufactured Timber of every description;
Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the
shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices
and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched
with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING & Co.,

WANAKA SAW MILLS.

VULCAN FOUNDRY.
Great King-street, Dunedin.

KINCAID, M'QUEEN AND CO.,
Boilermakers, Engineers, Millwrights, Foun-
ders, Blacksmiths, &c.

All kinds of castings in Brass and Iron.
Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired.
Overshot, Breast, and Turbine Waterwheels,
Quartz-crushing Machinery, Pumping and Wind-
ing Gear.

Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates; Sheet-
iron Hopper and Sluice Plates, (punched to any
size of holes), Gold-dredging Spoons, etc.

Flour-mill Machinery.

All kinds of Reaping, Threshing, Horse-power
Machines made and repaired.

Improved Reaping Machines.

K., M'Q. and Co.'s improved Wrought-Iron
Piping for Fluming and Hydraulic Mining is the
best in use, and cheaper than canvas.

Hotels.

KIRTLBURN HOTEL,
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hostelry.
Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

JOHN MARSH,
BRIDGE HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

VALUE FOR MONEY.

VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. M'CORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.) Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

CRITERION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night	6s
Single Feed	2s
Meals and Bed, each	2s
Board and Lodging, per week	30s
Board only	20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

Cromwell



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS . PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

*Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



R. AND W. OLDS,
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

THOMAS FOOTE,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER

MELMORE TERRACE,

CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

FOR SALE.

4,000 TOTARA and BLACK PINE POSTS.

Apply to

D. COLWELL, Pembroke.

Stud Horses.



THE well-known CLYDESDALE ENTIRE SURPRISE

Will, on the 1st November, visit Cromwell, and from thence Clyde, Alexandra, Teviot, Blacks and Ida Valley.

SURPRISE, bred by John Hamilton, Esq., is by that well-known Clydesdale sire Thane of Clyde, imported to Southland by Hugh Maclean, Esq., Dam bred by A. Clerke, Esq., Longford, Tasmania, and imported into Southland by the Messrs Clerke Brothers for breeding purposes on their farm.

Surprise is a dark dappled bay, stands 17 hands high. He is a remarkably compact and powerful horse, with immense bone, fine flat leg, unequalled action, and docile temper. He has proved himself a sure foal-getter, and his stock are not surpassed by the progeny of any horse which has ever served in the Southland and Clyde Districts, where he has travelled.

Surprise took second prize, at two, three and four years old, at the Invercargill Annual Show against all comers.

Well-grassed paddocks at Ida Valley for the accommodation of mares coming from a distance will be provided free of charge, without responsibility. The greatest care taken.

TERMS, £3. Groomage, 5s.

Guarantees as per agreement. Owners of mares at time of service responsible for service fees. Service fees to be paid for at end of season, except specially provided for.

J. DRUMMEY,

Proprietor.

Stud Horses.



THE THOROUGHbred HORSE ARCHITECT

Will Stand at Mount Fisa Station during this Season.

TERMS . . . £4 4s.

Season to end and Mares to be removed by 31st December, 1879.

Every care taken of Mares, but no responsibility incurred.

L LOUGHNAN.

6th October, 1879.

THE PURE THOROUGHbred ENTIRE HORSE HARUHA

Will Travel this Season

IN THE WAKATIPU AND CROMWELL DISTRICTS,

Commencing October 17, and calling every alternate week on Fridays at Cromwell, and at Perriam's Saturday and Sunday.

HARUHA is a Bay Horse, stands 15½ hands, with great substance and quality, good constitution and temper. Got by Towton—dam Fair Puritan by Oliver Cromwell out of Coronaria (imported), by Sweetmeat out of Jessica, by Launcelot, own brother to Touchstone.

Towton (imported), own brother to the Peer and Marchioness, by Melbourne—dam Cinizelli by Touchstone.

Haruha is full brother to Orange Lightning, half-brother to Sinking Fund, Roebuck, Tambourini, Atalanta, Papapa, Korari, and Puriri (winner of the Dunedin Derby and Christchurch St. Leger). He was bred by Mr Redwood, and sold in 1872 as a yearling for 400 guineas.

For further pedigree, see card.

TOM BEAUFORT,

Proprietor.

Arrowtown, Lake County,

8th September, 1879.



TO STAND THIS SEASON AT BELLVUE FARM, TARRAS,

The Pure Clydesdale Stallion,

MARQUIS OF LORNE.

PEDIGREE:

MARQUIS OF LORNE, bred by J. F. Kitching, Esq., is a bright bay, rising three years old. Sire—Governor, bred by Mr Robert Charters, Moy, East Taieri; his sire is the illustrious stud horse Nimmo's Emperor by Napoleon, imported from Scotland, bred by Mr Macadam, Kepeuloch. His sire is by Mr Buchan, of Coldrach's horse, and his dam a mare purchased from Lorn Campbell, Esq., of Roseneath. Emperor's dam, Nancy, a well-known Clydesdale mare, bred by Mr Alexander Findlay, Sandy Hills, near Glasgow. Nancy was got by the celebrated Garvary Horse, and her dam by Scotsman, the property of James Kirkwood, Kilmars. Dam—Matty (lately the property of Mr John Stevenson, East Taieri), by Thane of Clyde, bred by Mr Thomas Young, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Thane of Clyde's sire is the far-famed horse Surprise, bred by Mr Murdoch, Lanarkshire; his grand sire Wallace. Mr Stevenson sold Matty to Mr J. F. Kitching for 200 guineas. Matty's dam, Bell, is out of Duchess, imported from Tasmania. Matty was the winner of two first, three second and two third prizes at Dunedin, Taieri and Tokomairiro, prior to her being sold to Mr Kitching. Her dam, Bell, carried off no less than thirteen first, seven second and three third prizes. Duchess is the dam of the following noted Clydesdales:—Entires: Lord Glasgow (sold to Mr W. Holley, Canterbury), Rantin Robin (sold to Mr Carmichael), Surprise (sold to Mr J. Robertson) and Blair Athol (sold to same buyer). Mares: Jean; Bell (sold to Mr W. Holley); and Bay Filly (sold to Mr R. Gawn).

An Experienced Groom in charge of the Horse.

TERMS . . . £5 5s.

Groomage Fee, 5s, payable on the first Service.

A Paddock of 160 acres for Mares; every care taken, but no responsibility.

Season to end 1st February, 1880, when all fees must be paid or arranged for.

BELL BROTHERS,

Proprietors, Tarras.

October 6, 1879.

Cromwell.

SELLING OFF!!!
SELLING OFF!!

DRAPERY, CLOTHING,
BOOTS & SHOES,

Fancy Goods, Jewellery,

BOOKS,
PATENT MEDICINES,

&c., &c.

J. SOLOMON

Has determined upon giving up Business in Cromwell solely on account of the recent bereavement in his family.

The Public will therefore bear in mind this is

NO CHEAP CLEARING SALE,
But a

GENUINE SALE

Of everything in Stock at any sacrifice.

EVERY ARTICLE WILL BE SOLD
BELOW COST PRICE.

Special Inducements to Customers
Purchasing Large Parcels.

It is impossible to quote Prices for such a large Stock.

Come and See and be Convinced.

J. S. will not Refuse any Reasonable Offer for a Large Parcel.

In order to make a speedy clearance, J. S. has made arrangements with Mr O. CUMMINS to visit the surrounding district, as well as the Arrow, Queenstown, Clyde, Alexandra, Blacks, Tinkers and Drybread, so as to give all who are not in a position to come to Cromwell the opportunity of securing Bargains.

Look out for O. CUMMINS,

One trial will prove to anyone not entirely in the hands of other storekeepers how much cheaper J. S. is selling than any storekeeper in the district.

A SPLENDID STOCK
OF

NEW SUMMER GOODS
ONLY JUST OPENED OUT

CHEAP BOOTS!

Heavy-nailed Watertights, 14s 6d
Heavy-nailed Bluchers, 10s
Gent's Balmoral's (best quality), 15s
Gent's E.S. (best quality), 16s
Boy's heavy-nailed Lace Boots, 6s 6d
Youths' do do, 8s 6d
Women's E.S. Leather Boots, 10s
Copper-toed Lace Boots, 4s 6d to 5s 6d
E.S. copper-toe Boots, 5s to 6s 6d
Maid's E.S. Leather Boots (1 and 2), 8s
Elastic top Leather Slippers, 4s

THE ABOVE ARE ALL BEST DUN
EDIN MAKE.

LADIES' & CHILDREN'S KID BOOTS,
A Large Variety, equally Low in Price.

GUM BOOTS, 22s 6d.

The above Prices must convince the Public that J. Solomon means business.

TERMS—CASH ONLY.

Vincent County Gazette.

HOLDERS of SLAUGHTERING LICENSES are reminded that such are in force only until 31st December, 1879, and it is requested that early application be made for Renewals, as the premises require to be inspected previous to granting of same.

GEORGE CLARK,
County Clerk.

Vincent County Offices,
Clyde, December 15th, 1879.

CROMWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL.
WARDSMAN & MATRON WANTED.

APPLICATIONS will be received to 13th January for the offices of Wardsman and Matron for the Cromwell Hospital. Duties to commence on 1st February, 1880.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Secretary.

NOTICE.
EDUCATION.

The newly-erected SCHOOL-HOUSE at Pembroke will be OPENED for public instruction by Rev. CHAS. CONNOR on TUESDAY, the 13th day of January ensuing.

ROBT. M'DOUGALL,
Secretary of Committee.
Pembroke, 22nd November, 1879.

NOTICE.

In the Estate of the late JOHN MELLOR, of Tinkers, Otago.

All Persons having CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to forward the same to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of December next.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1879.

ALEX. F. BLOOD,
Solicitor for the Executors,
Cromwell.

TOWN OF CROMWELL.

FRONTAGES TO MELMORE-STREET,
CROMWELL.

The Corporation will offer FOR SALE by auction, on a day to be notified in a future advertisement, 45 SECTIONS on the south side of Melmore-terrace, divided into suitable frontages.

The purchasers will obtain the right of possession in 30 days after sale, to allow removal of buildings in the interval.

No valuation for buildings will be allowed,
CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Mayor.

Borough Chambers,
November 24th, 1879.

V.  R.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Estate of JOHN MARSH, of Cromwell, Hotel-keeper, a Debtor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

All Creditors of the above-named John Marsh are hereby requested to lodge their CLAIMS, duly verified as by law required, with the undersigned, at the office of Messrs Bastings, Leary and Co., High-street, Dunedin, on or before MONDAY, the 24th day of November, otherwise they will be excluded from participation in the proceeds of the Estate.

Dated at Dunedin this 17th day of November, 1879.

RICHARD H. LEARY,
Trustee.

V.  R.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE OTAGO GOLDFIELDS, HOLDEN AT CROMWELL.

In the matter of the Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876, and of the Debtors and Creditors Amendment Act, 1878; and in the matter of the Bankruptcy of ANDREW WOOD, of Cromwell, Laborer, a Debtor.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY that Andrew Wood, of Cromwell, Laborer, has this day filed a statement that he is unable to meet his engagements with his creditors. The First Meeting of Creditors to be held at the Court House, Cromwell, on Wednesday, the 24th December, 1879, at 11 a.m.

Dated at Cromwell this 18th day of December, 1879.

S. MEAD DAIGLIESH,
Clerk of District Court.

CROMWELL KILWINNING LODGE (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 31st December, at 8 p.m.

Business: Election of Officers.

By order of the R.W.M. J. A. PRESNAW,
Secretary.



CROMWELL RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT PARADE

REVIEW ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Members of the Cromwell Volunteers will parade in the Drill-hall on New Year's Morning, at ten o'clock. Thence they will march to the Parade Ground for Skirmishing and Battalion Drill.

HANDICAP RIFLE MATCH.

Firing for prizes will begin at the Butts at three p.m. Intending competitors to notify at forenoon parade.

Fines for absence will be strictly enforced.

S. N. BROWN,
Captain Commanding.

MONDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1879,
At 1 p.m., sharp.

At Goodger's Yards, near Cromwell.

FAT AND DAIRY CATTLE.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH will sell, without reserve, on the above date, a choice lot of 40 head of Cattle, consisting of

20 Good COWS
10 HEIFERS
10 STEERS.

The above lot comprises some excellent dairy Cattle, and, being in fair condition, should attract the attention of buyers.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

TERMS AT SALE.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1880.

At 3 p.m.

AT BANNOCKBURN.

PROFITABLE BILLIARD SALOON.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH, is favored with instructions to sell on the ground, Bannockburn, on Saturday, January 3, 1880, at 3 p.m.,

That compact and highly profitable concern known as "Simpson's Billiard Saloon," together with the whole Premises and Furniture, including a Thurston and Co.'s Billiard Table, with requisites complete.

TERMS AT SALE.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1880.

At 11 a.m.

At Goodger's Yards, Cromwell.

TO BUTCHERS, FARMERS & OTHERS.

Extensive Sale of

MIXED CATTLE.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH, will sell by public auction on Thursday, 8th January, 1880, commencing at 11 a.m., about 83 head of mixed cattle, as under—

15 MILCH COWS, with six Calves
8 YEARLINGS
20 Two-year-old STEERS
40 Head, 3, 4, 5, and six years (mixed sexes). All superior Stock and in fair to good condition.

The above Stock are from the herd of Mr A. McKenzie, of Long Valley, and will be found superior to anything hitherto offered in this market.

TERMS AT SALE.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

BENDIGO SPORTS.

To be held

ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

STEWARDS:

Messrs J. DEWAR, T. ROONEY, C. O'DONNELL,
J. KANE, W. DAVIS, J. EASTWOOD,
J. PEACE, AND W. CAMERON.

JUDGE: Mr T. ROONEY.

STARTER: Mr C. O'DONNELL.

PROGRAMME:

QUOIT MATCH; 18yds.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.
100YDS HANDICAP FOOT RACE.—1st, 30s; 2nd, 15s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.
DISTRICT PLATE, of £5, with a sweepstake of 5s to go to the second horse. For all hacks that have been owned in the Lindis Riding for a period of two months prior to the 25th of December, 1879. Weight, 10st; distance, one mile; entrance, 5s.
RUNNING HIGH LEAP.—1st, 30s; 2nd, 15s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.
THROWING A QUOIT FURTHEST.—1st, 20s. Entrance, 1s.
VAULTING with the Pole.—1st, 30s; 2nd, 15s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.
THROWING A STONE off Long-handled Shovel.—1st, 20s. Entrance, 1s.
200YDS HANDICAP FOOT RACE.—1st, 30s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.
WRESTLING MATCH (Irish Style).—1st, 40s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 10s.—Entrance, 2s 6d.
WALKING MATCH, over such course and under such conditions as the Stewards may choose.—1st, 40s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.
BENDIGO HANDICAP, of £7. Open to all horses. Entrance, 10s.
WRESTLING MATCH (Cumberland Style).—1st 40s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.
THREE-LEGGED RACE.—1st, 40s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.
THROWING THE HAMMER.—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s; Entrance, 1s.
RUNNING HOP-STEP-AND-JUMP.—1st, 30s; 2nd, 15s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.
300YDS HANDICAP FOOT RACE.—1st, 40s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.

SPORTS TO START AT 12 O'CLOCK SHARP.

RULES.

All persons entering a horse for any race must be a subscriber to the Sports Fund of not less than 10s.

The decision of the Stewards in all cases to be final.

Anyone entering a protest must deposit 20s, and, should such be deemed frivolous by the Stewards, the amount will be forfeited.

Four entries for each event, or no money given.

WILLIAM CAMERON,
Hon. Secretary.

PICNIC AND CONCERT.

A PICNIC,

In connection with the Bannockburn Sunday School, will be held on or near Doctor's Flat, Pipeclay, on TUESDAY, 30th December.

Parents and friends are invited.

A CONCERT

Will be held in the Schoolroom in the Evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Admission 2s 6d.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

In aid of the Funds of the Catholic Church.

To be held on

THE RACE NIGHTS,

26th and 27th December, in the

ATHENÆUM HALL, CROMWELL.

Those persons who have kindly promised articles will please to have the same delivered in time.

Several novelties will be introduced to render the affair entertaining, and the attendance of the public is solicited.

An auction sale will conclude the proceedings.

HOGMANAY NIGHT!
THE OLD YEAR OUT, THE NEW YEAR IN.

CHARLES ANGEL,
BANNOCKBURN.

Invites his Friends to a DANCE on the Night of WEDNESDAY, 31st instant, in celebration of above event.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

EVERYBODY MADE WELCOME!

An Efficient Band Engaged.

LOWBURN SPORTS.

To be held on

NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1880.

STEWARDS:

H. PARTRIDGE JOHN WERNER
P. DE BETTENCOR JOHN ARKELL
F. BARRELL.

PROGRAMME:

MAIDEN PLATE, of 5 sovs. Half-mile heats; welter weight for age. Open to all horses that have never won money on a public racecourse. Entrance, 7s 6d.
100YDS HANDICAP FOOT RACE. Open to all comers that have never won an advertised foot race.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s; 3rd, 10s. Entry, 2s 6d.
RUNNING HOP-STEP-AND-JUMP.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s. Entry, 2s 6d.
100YDS SACK RACE.—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s. Entry, 2s.
WRESTLING (Border Style).—1st prize, 40s; 2nd, 20s. Entry, 2s 6d.
SLOW HANDICAP, of 6 sovs, with a sweep of 10s; second horse to receive 20 per cent. of amount run for. Open to all horses that have never won an advertised race of more than £10. Distance, one mile.
150YDS THREE-LEGGED RACE.—1st prize, 40s; 2nd, 20s. Cut for partners. Entry, 2s 6d.
200YDS HANDICAP FOOT RACE.—1st prize, 40s; 2nd, 20s; 3rd, 10s. Entry, 2s 6d.
RUNNING HIGH LEAP.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s. Entry 2s 6d.
100YDS EGG-AND-SPOON RACE.—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s. Entry, 1s.
STANDING HIGH JUMP.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s. Entry, 2s 6d.
VAULTING WITH THE POLE.—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s. Entry, 2s 6d.
100YDS BOYS' RACE (Handicap).—1st prize, 25s; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s. Entrance, 1s.
50YDS CHILDREN'S RACE.—1st prize, 10s; 2nd, 7s 6d; 3rd, 2s 6d.

Event for the Evening:

STEP DANCE (Hornpipe).—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 10s. Entry, 2s.

RULES.

Judges to be appointed by the Stewards. The decision of the Stewards in all cases of disputes, &c., to be final.

F. BARRELL,
Secretary.

QUARTZVILLE ANNUAL SPORTS
Will be held
ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

TO START PUNCTUALLY AT 1 P.M.

COMMITTEE:

W. JOHNSTONE, W. LAKE, C. PEAKE,
C. GREEN (TREASURER), AND
H. WOODGER (SECRETARY).

PROGRAMME:

QUOITS (15yds)—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s.
QUOITS (18yds)—1st prize, 25s; 2nd, 15s.
STANDING JUMP.—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s.
EGG-AND-SPOON RACE (200yds)—1st prize, 10s; 2nd, 5s.
VAULTING.—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s.
FLAT RACE (100yds)—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s.
MARRIED WOMEN'S RACE (100yds)—1st prize, box of tea; 2nd, pair kid boots.
SINGLE WOMEN'S RACE (150yds)—1st prize, 15s; 2nd, 10s.
GRINNING THROUGH A HORSE COLLAR—Prize, 2lbs of tobacco.
WALKING MATCH (Half-mile)—1st prize, 20s.
FLAT RACE (200yds)—1st prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s.
HOSPITAL RACE, for all over 40 years of age; the winner to be presented with a new hat.
N.B.—All disputes that may arise to be decided by the Committee, or whoever they may appoint, and their decision shall be final.

H. WOODGER,
Hon. Secretary.

BALLARAT HOTEL,
ARROWTOWN.

Mrs G. B. BOND, Proprietress.

The above Hotel is replete with every convenience and comfort, rendering it eminently suitable for the travelling public, while permanent boarders will find all the comforts of a home.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING
Efficiently managed.

Prize Billiard Table, with all accessories and careful attendance.

RATES.

ALL RATES UNPAID, ON 5TH JANUARY, 1880, WILL BE SUED FOR WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

JAS. MARSHALL,

TOWN CLERK.

CHRISTMAS EVE!

**CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
BANNOCKBURN.**

Mrs R. A. BROWN, having entered into possession of above Hotel, invites her friends to a

FREE BALL AND SUPPER,

To take place on
CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th INST.

A FULL AND FREE INVITATION TO ALL.

AN EFFICIENT BAND FOR THE BALL.

TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned till the 7th of JANUARY, 1880, for Supplying the Cromwell Quartz Mining Co. with TIMBER for the term of two years.

Specification can be seen at the mine.

J. A. M'KENZIE,

**Legal Manager,
Dunedin.**

FOR SALE.

By Private Treaty.

VALUABLE MINING PROPERTY AT BANNOCKBURN,

Being

2 Full Shares in 15-acre Claim at Quartzville, held by O'Neill and Party.

2 Shares in Claim at Pipeclay Terrace.

(Both these Claims are in active work and yielding good returns.)

Four-roomed House (furnished with all requisites), also Store-room and other out-buildings, erected on Residence Area of one acre, substantially fenced.

For terms and other particulars, apply to

OWEN O'NEILL,

Bannockburn.

ATHENÆUM HALL, CROMWELL, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Wonderful Illusionary Performance with the STEREOPTIKON AND CHROMATROPE STEREOPTIKON AND CHROMATROPE

Two Hours' Fun, Frolic, Mirth and Music!

To finish with a Grand

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES—PRIZES FOR ALL!

Performance to commence at 8 o'clock.

Front seats, 3s; second do, 2s.

Library Hall, Arrowtown, Dec. 27th and 28th.
Town Hall, Queenstown, Dec. 30th and 31st.

POSTAL NOTICE.

The next 'Frisco mail will close here on Wednesday, December 31st, at noon.

Cromwell Argus,
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1879.

With this issue we salute our numerous readers one and all with a hearty hand-shaking, and wish them the customary compliments of the season—"A Merry Christmas." The first Christmas was a joyous one. Angels set the example of joy when they gladly brought the "glad tidings," and proclaimed glory to God in the highest, and "peace and goodwill to man," the earth over. Sad indeed must be the heart that cannot hail the coming anniversary with the smile of honest recognition—that cannot give an old visitor a deep-hearted and homely welcome. Eighteen hundred and seventy-nine years ago our earth had the honor of a visit from the "Word made flesh." His reception was a rough one. With the ample hospitalities of a whole city within reach, all that was left to Him was the accommodation of an outcast, and His fare was of the poorest. And yet here was one the date of whose advent changed the world's chronology, gave a new starting-point to our time-table, put men into nearer kinship with the everlasting Greatness that is above them, and brought the earth and all humanity under a government that has for ever made it a most solemn and sublime thing to be a man. His royal birthday present was at first full of universal meaning—the "peace and goodwill" that marked its bestowment at the beginning are still working out their results, unexhausted and inexhaustible. We do well then to be merry and glad. All alike are heirs to a common inheritance of benefits and blessings, and all are due a debt of gratitude which is best paid

by a joyful welcome of the day, and of Him whose advent it is intended to commemorate.

The festive season upon which we are entering is one which in all past time has been regarded as a fitting occasion for rubbing of old scores, renewing decayed friendships, and forgiving wrongs inflicted; of gathering scattered households, of heeding the voice of hunger, homelessness and sorrow, and of softening the heart in sympathy with the victims of misfortune, and, generally, in giving a wider scope to the generous instincts of our common manhood. To go through the Christmas holidays with meanheartedness would be to mock our Maker's benevolence, who gave His all at once, and left us to show our gratitude to Him by a feeling of kindness and kinredship with all the need that meets our notice, from causes whatsoever.

Happily in many respects residents have a pleasanter outlook this Christmas than was that of 1878. Although to most of us the closing year has not, on the whole, been a prosperous one, yet in many senses there is great reason to be thankful. This time last year we were faced by the visible reminiscences of a terrible flood, the headlong currents having carried away large quantities of valuable property, and left many families homeless and penniless. This year we have been spared such a pitiful and disastrous calamity, and it may be hoped we shall go into the festivities of the season with more spirit and enjoyment than fell to our lot a year ago.

An announcement from Wellington appeared in a recent *Dunstan Times* to the effect that, in reply to a question, the Government has stated "they would not issue Crown Grants in a straight (? street) line in Cromwell proposed to be sold by the Corporation." Presumably this refers to the proposed sale of land in Melmore Terrace, recently surveyed by order of Council. While we have no reason to doubt the truth of this information (which we have not seen recorded elsewhere) yet we confess that, taken in connection with the Municipal Act of 1876, the intention of the Government is but vaguely expressed and may mean nothing, although it seems to imply that a purchaser would not receive a title to the land. Section 187 of the Act above quoted bears directly on the question of title, and appears on the face of it to place the title beyond the interference of Government. It reads:

"Where in altering or diminishing the width of any street any part thereof is no longer required for public use, the Council may sell such part to the owner of any adjoining land for a price to be fixed by a competent valuer appointed by the Council to value the same; and if no such owner, or more than one such owner, is willing to purchase the land at the price fixed, the Council may sell the same by public auction; and a conveyance under the seal of the Corporation shall constitute a good and valid title to such land."

It is therefore evident, to our thinking, that something more than a refusal to issue Crown Grants is necessary to debar the local authorities from proceeding with the sale, seeing that by statute they are in a position to give an indefeasible title. It is unnecessary here to enter into the question whether it is wise to sell the property and thereby permanently fix the street line—the Council, as representing the ratepayers, has by a majority affirmed the wisdom of such a course, and in accordance therewith a point has been reached which must within a few weeks settle the question definitely one way or other—and the sooner the better.

Of sports and amusements of various kinds there is no lack for the holiday season. Taking first rank, comes the Annual Races on Friday and Saturday, which are sure to attract the great bulk of residents. Should the clerk of the weather regulate his department properly, the meeting in other respects promises to be very successful. During the Race nights the Bazaar in aid of the Catholic Church funds will be in full swing at the Athenæum Hall, where fair faces and eloquent pleading will test to the full the generosity of visitors and the length of their purses. The Bazaar is sure to be a strong source of attraction, and we hope to chronicle substantial results. The Bendigonians devote Christmas Day to local races and sports in variety, the programme issued being a heavy one, with liberal prizes. The gathering will be a large one, the locality being central for the considerable population throughout the Clutha Valley. New Year has been fixed upon as the season for the annual sports at Lowburn and Quartzville, for particulars of which those interested must consult our advertising columns. The Volunteers also have decided on having a review and prize-firing on the opening day of 1880. So that altogether there is no want of means for enjoyment to suit every taste during the festive season; and it is our earnest hope that all may participate in a very Merry Christmas.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUNEDIN, December 23, 3 p.m.

Arrived: Elizabeth Graham and Auckland, with 455 immigrants. The latter is quarantined. There were seven deaths on board.

Simpson, R.M., unseated Fish, and declared Walter duly elected. On the latter presenting himself for installation yesterday, there was a lively half-hour in the Council. Fish expressed himself in somewhat strong language regarding the action of "that person," as he persistently designated Walter, and the latter had to call him to order. Fish, however, continued, stating his intention of having his say out at once, instead of "nagging" at every subsequent meeting. His remarks were applauded by several of the councillors, and at the close, when he left the room while Walter was speaking in justification of his action, three or four councillors left with him. Fish's supporters in the Council will endeavor to get the Mayoral salary reduced.

In Bankruptcy, Judge Williams gave his decision yesterday, dismissing the motion under Bankruptcy Act of 1867 for a summons calling upon a discharged debtor (a Dunstan resident) to show cause why he should not be called upon to contribute a sum to the amount of 10s in the pound in respect of debts due at the time of his

insolvency. The Judge held the clause to be in operation, but that the application should have been made in Auckland, where the debt was incurred.

Alexander Livingstone, ex-Provincial Auditor, died yesterday.

At Invercargill, Lyngdal, a German, hanged himself, through inability to obtain work.

Two boys have been arrested at Balclutha on suspicion of setting fire to an unoccupied cottage, insured in the Sun office for £200.

At Lyttelton, on Sunday, a fire destroyed Pope's blacksmiths shop, Bain's butchers shop, the old bank of New Zealand, Captain Wood's chandlery store, and a small cottage. The insurance were: on Bain's stock, £300 in Colonial, and on building £120 in the Sun; on Pope's building and machinery, £635; old bank, £200, with the London and Lancashire. Captain Wood's building and stock was insured principally in the South British. Nothing has been ascertained as to the cause of the fire.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, December 20.

There is a serious famine in Silesia.

CALCUTTA, December 20.

General Gough arrived at Jagdallak unopposed yesterday. The Ghilzais were hovering about, and though numerous were a disorganised rabble. The other tribes are quiet. Norman is rapidly advancing.

December 22.

Latest intelligence from General Roberts on 19th states that all is well, and there has been no further fighting. Roberts urges Gough's immediate advance in light order, and says he will meet with no opposition. When reinforcements arrive he can settle Cabul affairs without difficulty. Gough left to-day with 4000 men and four guns. Roads to Cabul clear.

Roberts, as soon as joined by Gough's force, will assault Cabul; he is sanguine of taking it. At a Conservative meeting at Leeds, Earl Northcote made a speech in which he stated the policy of the Government was unaffected by Afghan affairs. It continues to be defence, not annexation.

Capetown news says Secconoi's stronghold has been stormed, and he himself among the killed.

INTERCOLONIAL.

Winter, in the female pedestrian contest at Sydney, walked 77 miles in 24 hours.

A commercial telegram says all sugars at Mauritius have advanced £4 per ton. Iron has advanced in Melbourne and London, galvanised is selling freely at £27 per ton.

Arrived Loch Fleet and Taranaki from London. On November 15, Dr Moffat, medical superintendent of the latter vessel, fell overboard, and was drowned. He had gone up aloft at night for a watcher, and missed his footing. William Leonard, a passenger by the Loch Fleet, died on the passage.

Parliament was prorogued by commission on Friday last.

THE ARGUS Calendar for 1880 is now issued, and can be had on application by those not already supplied.

We understand there will be no sitting of the R.M. and Warden's Courts at Cromwell till Friday, 9th January.

The annual statutory meeting of Borough Council, which should have been held at noon on Wednesday last, fell through, there not being sufficient members present to form a quorum.

We are glad to be in a position to state that the dray road from here to Oamaru is once more open for public traffic, thanks to the energy displayed in the matter by the members for this part of the district, and likewise to the manager of Morven Hills station, Mr M'Phail.

At the adjourned meeting of the Licensing Bench held on Friday the application for a transfer of license from J. Saul to A. M'Leod, Grandview Hotel, was approved; as was also a temporary transfer from Charles Peake to Mary Brown, of the Carrick Range Hotel.

One side of a cutting on the Bannockburn road, a short distance beyond Mr Richards' place, fell in last week. This fortunately happened when no one was passing, though otherwise the consequences might have been serious, as the mass was a heavy one. Men were at once put on, and the road is now clear for traffic.

An entertainment of a novel and pleasing character is announced to be given in the Athenæum Hall to-morrow evening. A special feature is the distribution of valuable gifts; but from the reputation preceding the "Stereoptikon" company we should imagine that the two hours music, fun, frolic and enlightenment promised will alone be well worth the money expended. For particulars, the handbills should be consulted.

We have been requested to intimate that the Bannockburn Sunday School Picnic will take place on or near Doctor's Flat, Pipeclay Gully, Bannockburn. The children will meet at the School-house at 12 o'clock sharp, and walk from there to the ground selected for the sports. All children will be admitted to the Concert in the evening free. The Concert will consist of part sacred and part secular music. About 20 of the Sunday School children will join in the evening's performance, along with the Bannockburn Glee Party, and a number of others who have kindly promised to assist.

A little attention at the present time on the part of the Corporation authorities would prevent a very prolific crop of thistles in the enclosure designed for a public park on the town belt. Masses of this undesirable weed are now forming flower, and in a few weeks will scatter their seeds to the four winds of heaven. We are glad to notice that the trees planted in Spring are in a flourishing state, many of them making wood rapidly. They might have a better chance if certain parties did not avail themselves of the enclosure as a paddock for their horses. If allowed to continue this is an evil that will increase, and a stringent check should be put on such trespass.

Messrs Bastings, Clark, and Fulton (late Chairman) were ballotted out as members at last meeting of the Otago Education Board. They are eligible for re-election.

During yesterday and to-day the weather has been variable, with heavy showers occasionally. The Clutha and Kawarau rivers have risen considerably. The weather is a subject of speculation just now, in view of the approaching holidays. It is to be hoped it will prove fair and fine.

We have received the second number of Mr George West's (Dunedin) *New Zealand Magazine*. It contains 12 nice pieces of music, and is as well got up as its predecessor. The publisher is deserving of every encouragement, especially as the subscription is extremely low, namely 12s per annum.

At a meeting of the Education Board held last week, further communications from Nevis regarding the complaint by the chairman of the Committee against the teacher, were read, and the Board resolved to take no further notice of the matter. In this connection a letter from Mr Elliot is published in another column. From it we have excised a number of passages—some too strong, and others outside the matter at issue.

The Cromwell Public School broke up for the holidays on Wednesday last. There was no examination, or other formal proceeding. A few prizes were given—by Mr T. M. Wright to the boy and girl best-liked in the school. These fell by choice of the scholars to James Goodger and Blanche Luscombe. For regular attendance, the chairman of committee, Mr J. A. Preshaw, presented prizes to one boy and six girls, namely, Frank Sherwood, Marion, Jeanie, and Elizabeth MacKellar, Blanche Luscombe, and Mary Ann Murrell. The school re-opens on 19th January.

The despicably mean crime of garden-robbing is the subject of two "reward" advertisements in the Clyde paper. This is the more surprising as one would think gardens numbered more than people in the County town, and the robberies can only be accounted for on the supposition that the spirit of Mother Eve is strongly implanted in the Clyde nature. In Cromwell, too, we hear of a couple of pilferers from orchards on a limited scale. It is safe to be made a caution to any individuals caught at this most miserable and petty offence. Violence on the culprit is excusable when a man finds the pleasure of his toil—the first-fruits of his labors and care—ruthlessly plundered by midnight prowlers.

The Bendigo Sports Committee have issued their Christmas programme, and it is certainly a very attractive one and should draw a large gathering. The amount of money offered in prizes shows that the Bendigo people must have contributed handsomely in support of the meeting, and there cannot be a doubt it will prove a grand success. The Stewards are gentlemen who thoroughly understand how to manage such affairs, as has been evidenced in past years. An item that does not appear in the programme is creating a large amount of local speculation, namely a wrestling match (collar-and-elbow) between T. Stevens and J. Nolan, and from the known prowess of the two men a game struggle may be anticipated. This event comes off at ten in the forenoon.

James Harrison, a cook at the Wanaka station, was yesterday charged before his worship the Mayor, and P. L. Dignan, Esq., with having at Wanaka station, on 20th December, assaulted one Robert Kearney, by attempting to stab him with a knife, with intent to do him harm. Sergt. M'Nally prosecuted, and Mr Blood defended the prisoner. The charge being for an indictable offence, the depositions of the witnesses were taken down by the Clerk of the Court. The following witnesses were examined and cross-examined as to the affair:—Robert Kearney, William Anderson, Mr Henry Campbell (proprietor of the Wanaka station), and Constable Bell. After hearing the evidence for the prosecution, and Mr Blood (who called no witnesses) in reply, the Bench held that there was not sufficient evidence to prove intent, and dismissed the information.

Replying to a question by Mr Macandrew last week, the Premier said that it was proposed by Government to pass before the close of the session the following bills:—The Customs Duties, Tobacco Manufacturers, Revision of Statutes, Property Assessment, Land Tax Collection, Building Societies Act Amendment, and Electoral Acts Repeal. The other bills set down would depend on the time of the House. If time permitted, he hoped to get through the Special Powers and Contracts Bill, the Counties Bill, Public Reserves Sale Bill, and Regulation of Elections Bill. They saw no hope of proceeding with the Hospital and Charitable Aid Bill. The other Bills on the order paper would be dropped, including the Representation Bill, Electoral Petitions Bill, Gaming and Lotteries Bill, and Alienation of Maori Lands Bill. If members would condense their speeches as much as possible Government hoped to be in a position to have the House prorogued not later than Tuesday (to-day).

In writing of a horse not very sensibly named "Winslow's Soothing Syrup," a sporting correspondent of a contemporary wants to know "how can a beast with such a monstrous name as the second was cursed with ever be expected to win anything?" It would be satisfactory, perhaps, if only horses with obviously appropriate names ever won races, but it is none the less a fact that vile names sometimes manage to obtain winning tickets. If anything could have stopped a decently conducted horse it must have been, one would have thought, such a name as "Here-I-go-with-my-eye-out," yet we find that in 1843 Lord George Bentinck insulted a well-bred two-year-old with that idiotic name, and that, after running last in a race with six competitors, as might have been expected, it was victorious in a match against Lord Glasgow's unnamed filly, as might have been expected. In the same year Colonel Peel's "I am not aware" won three races out of six; but Sir Watkin Wynne's "Let-us-stop-while-says-Slow" was no good, and whoever christened "She-is-not-worth-a-name" showed a nice appreciation of the beast's qualities.

BENDIGO.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

December 21.

Some months have now passed since "your own" has favored us with his usual letter of correspondence, in which our wants as well as the mineral wealth of the place were generally very plainly represented. If your correspondent has got weary in well-doing, or (as is generally supposed) has left this place, let me point out the necessity that exists for having our wants made known through the columns of your impartial newspaper, which here has a very large circulation and commands the respect to which it is justly entitled. Through the Rocky Point ferry being closed great inconvenience is entailed on this place, and this is likely to continue for an indefinite period. Had the men whose duty it is to look after such matters taken the precaution to provide against a little rise in the river when the approaches to the punt were high and dry, all the inconvenience of which people most justly complain would have been obviated. This isolated condition in which we are placed is very unpleasant at any time, but doubly so at present when many will be deprived the privilege of attending races, bazaar, auction sales, and such like; so doubtless more places than Bendigo will be affected through the stoppage of direct communication.

The Cromwell Co. are washing up their monthly crushing, the result of which will probably be similar to former crushings. New additions have been made lately to the already effective machinery. The pumping machinery recently erected is working satisfactorily, and is certainly a great improvement on the horse-flesh, and will also prove a great saving to the company. In a short space of time all the quartz hauling will be done by machinery also; this will be necessary to keep 20 head of stampers constantly at work, as five more head are about being put up. This company deserves the good fortune it enjoys in that they spare no cost to render everything connected with the mine effective, and at present employ over 70 men.

The population here is fast increasing, many families being lately added thereto, and all the men, ay and women too, have an air of cheerfulness about them which is not seen in more pretentious places.

The near approach of the festive season appears to infuse ideas of cheerfulness and hope into the minds of all, and even now I can revel in anticipated enjoyment at the picnic, strolling leisurely along the bank of the Lindis, or joining in the pleasurable "kiss-in-the-ring," which to me forms a very great attraction. The picnic offers a very formidable counter-attraction to the sports, which will be held on the same day, and is provided for those who prefer amusement in a milder form. Shepherd's Creek, a few miles from Ardour homestead, is the spot selected for this local gathering; it is very eligible, and for rural beauty it cannot be equalled in the district. The promoters of this gathering have made provision for a host of visitors, and will make all feel themselves at home for that day.

The sports to be held at Wakefield township are sure to be largely attended if the weather is favorable, and an enjoyable day may be fairly expected from the miscellaneous nature of the programme. The names of gentlemen on the committee afford reason to conclude that everything will be fair and square, and good order prevail throughout.

ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 13.

The town was startled last week by the report that diphtheria of a determined type had made its appearance. The sufferer was at once conveyed to an isolated house, and other precautions taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and according to last report the patient is in a fair way of recovery.

On Wednesday last the new Mayor-elect (Mr W. Jenkins) was initiated into the parochial mysteries of Arrowtown.

A coach accident of a mild nature, from a journalistic point of view, happened to last Tuesday's coach on the road between Arrowtown and Queenstown. The hind axle of the coach gave way at M'Guirk's hill, and although the coach was loaded, the passengers escaped with a fright. Among those on board were Professor Taylor and Lillie, the champion skaters.

Another accident which came nigh to being attended with serious consequences occurred to Mr W. Heffernan, while tipping a truck in the upper level of the Tipperary claim. The handle of the truck door caught him in the left eye, when in the act of tipping the truck, tearing the lid in a frightful manner, but luckily did not injure the eye itself. Under the care of Dr Dickinson, Mr Heffernan is progressing favorably.

Amongst other seasonable jollifications there will be an entertainment consisting of songs, dances, and tricks of legerdom by a local Wizard of the South, at the Athenæum, to wind up with the inevitable dance; a christening of the Tipperary new machine on Christmas Eve, and a Good Templars' picnic on New Year's Day.

Bracken's Gully, which has been in times past one of the main feeders of our escort returns, still maintains its reputation for richness. Several parties are doing remarkably well in this elevated Eldorado; report says that one party of two miners compute

their weekly earnings by pounds weight of the precious metal, while others continue to make high wages. Some water property in this locality has lately changed hands, at a figure, that fixes its value pretty near the fabulous.

The fine and warm weather we have been enjoying, has had a salutary effect on vegetation, and everything belonging to the vegetable kingdom is coming on apace. Shearing has been commenced on the stations in our neighborhood, and is also favored by the weather.

At the Presbyterian Church the Rev. D. Ross preached an eloquent temperance sermon, which was further adorned by a selection of grand music beautifully played by the organist. As is usual with the Rev. D. Ross, he adorned his sermon with well chosen poetic language and similes. The sermon made a good impression and will no doubt bear fruit,—at least it was of such a description as to justify such an expectation. The Church was well filled, and the sermon attentively listened to.

INVERCARGILL.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.)

December 17.

Southland for the last few months has been anything but brisk. Trade and tradespeople seem to be overdone altogether. The great influx of people from up-country towns which took place some time ago has quieted down, and many, to their sorrow, have discovered ere this "all is not gold that glitters"—that Invercargill is not what many at a distance imagine. Work is scarce, and what little there is to be done plenty are glad to do at very low rates. Some think the five-million loan will relieve the depression. I hope so, but am afraid Invercargill will not absorb much of it.

At present we are quite overrun with theatricals and amusements of one kind and another. First, we have the Grand Star Challenge Company, performing at the Theatre Royal, which includes in its roll Mrs Walter Hill and Mr Charles Burford—two really good artists. Then again, at Sloan's pretty Theatre, we have the Stray Leaves Combination Company; at the drill-shed, Hydes and Wilkinson's Gem Burlesque Company; and at the end of the week is to open a veritable show, with a real talking head—what would a show be without a "talking head?" There is therefore no lack of amusement. Whether they can all play successfully is another question.

A movement is on foot to permanently establish a jockey club in Invercargill. I do not see anything against such a project. Invercargill and its surroundings ought to be able to command the necessary amount of subscriptions for the support of the object. No doubt, after the club is properly organized it will see its way clear to offer good prizes for competition.

Whether it be through the tightness of the money market that people lack the desire for amusement I know not, but the usual sports for Christmas season are not likely to come off. The only things of the kind of which I hear anything are a picnic by the Good Templars on Boxing Day and the orthodox Caledonian games at New Year time.

The Volunteer companies are getting along swimmingly at present. Some little time back, however, the officers and men of the G Battery of Artillery did not pull well together, and no course was open for the officers but to resign. The Captain's resignation was not accepted, the company being of opinion that no fault could be found with him; and he was asked to retain command of them as before. But the men were unanimous in accepting the resignation of the two lieutenants. There is some talk of a certain "knight of the shears and thimble," who was at one time a resident in the Lakes district, being returned for one of the vacant offices. I believe that he was once a lieutenant in the Queenstown Rifles and afterwards Captain of the Cadets. I hope, if elected, he will succeed better in his new undertaking than he did as Captain of the Cadets.

I must draw my letter to a close by wishing you and your readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

It has been finally decided to hold the Christchurch Volunteer review at Easter. The Jockey Club have granted the use of the race-course for the occasion.

Holverson's claim, near Hyde, still maintains its reputation as the richest alluvial claim in Otago, if not in the colony. The dirt, which is actually studded with gold, seems to improve in richness. Holverson is busy driving, being assisted by four men.

The sixth annual session of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, I.O.G.T., was opened on Monday week in Christchurch. About 40 representatives and members were present at the opening. The chair was taken by the G.W.C.T., Bro. J. W. Jago. The Secretary's report showed that 23 new lodges had been instituted during the year, while 24 had ceased working, leaving the number now in existence at 155, containing an average membership of 53. There is a slight decrease in the membership, amounting to 323, the total number now being 5871 brothers and 1783 sisters, being a total of 7653. Nine degree temples are in operation, and there are 2175 brothers and 683 sisters who are third degree members. The following officers were elected for the year:—Chief, Rev. Dr Roseby; Councilor, Mr Pardman, of Greymouth; Vice-Templar, Mr Johnston, of Wellington; Secretary, Mr Cameron (re-elected); Treasurer, Mr Carr (re-elected); Chaplain, Mr Brittle, of Balclutha.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not identify ourselves with the opinions expressed by correspondents.]

THE NEVIS SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—Be so good as to allow me a small space in your paper, to make some remarks on the charges some of my colleagues have thought fit to bring against me for reporting Mr S. A. Potter, teacher Nevis school, to the Education Board for drunkenness, immodest conduct, &c., without their consent or approbation.

In my absence a special meeting was convened by J. Snow and S. Clerk to be held on December 1st, when the following members attended:—J. Snow, S. Clerk, A. Williamson, and C. Korll, the resolutions they passed you have in your possession. I did not receive notice of them until to-day; they were dated December 8th, a week after their meeting. So I had not an opportunity of replying sooner.

When Mr Petrie was here last year inspecting the school, he instructed Mr James Crombie to look after him (S. A. Potter) as they had heard so many outside reports about him. Mr James Crombie spoke to him time after time without doing any good. Since Mr J. Crombie resigned I spoke to him before the Committee one night, with no better result. At the same meeting Mr T. Graham brought charges against him for allowing the big boys to use disgusting and obscene language to his girls, after coming out of school. S. Clerk said had I not spoke to him he was going to do so himself. Now as Mr J. Crombie has left I considered it my duty to report him to the Education Board for his conduct. At the end of the meeting held on December 1st they passed bills amounting to £4 2s for payment to Mr S. Potter; what the bills due to him for that amount are, I do not know. Mr J. Snow wrote out a cheque for the amount, and Mr A. Williamson signed it, when neither of them had any legal authority in my absence for doing so. On Thursday, December 4th, I had occasion to go to the township, when passing the school at midday the children, 23 in number, were all romping in and out at the windows, the door being locked. I asked where the teacher was. Mr A. Williamson's children told me he was at their house on Wednesday night, but that they saw nothing of him on the morning of Thursday. I then made them put up the windows and go home. When I arrived in the township, I found him in Mr Thompson's in bed, between one and two p.m. When leaving, Mr Thompson presented the cheque to me for signature, which I refused to do, not knowing what it was for. After finding the teacher and in that state so soon after the meeting, I will leave it to the Education Board and the public to judge for themselves whether my report was disgusting, untruthful, or defamatory; as I will neither withdraw my letter from the Education Board nor resign my office as chairman of committee until the matter is cleared up. I have written to the Education Board to have an inquiry made to see who is right and who is wrong, until then I will take no further notice of the case.

I consider the Education Board should get a special clause inserted disqualifying all sly-grog shanty keepers from being members of school committees, as they are liable to be prosecuted and disqualified at any time.—I am, &c.,

WILLIAM ELLIOT,

Chairman of Nevis School Committee.

Nevis, December 16th, 1879.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

(Before Major Keddell, R.M.)

A. Robertson and Mary Brown were summoned by the police for allowing cattle to wander within the Borough bounds, contrary to the by-laws. Robertson was fined 5s, and Mrs Brown 10s, with 7s costs.

A. Partridge appeared to answer an information for assault laid by E. Thompson, Nevis. After hearing evidence, his Worship dismissed the charge, with costs, £3 6s.

M. Sharcoe, charged with using obscene language in a public place in Cromwell, was fined 20s, with costs, 7s; and for being drunk and disorderly a penalty of 10s, with 7s costs, was imposed.

CIVIL CASES.

D. A. Jolly v. Sin You (£20) and same v. Ah Hone (£10).—Adjourned for service of summons.

E. Thompson v. A. Partridge—Claim for £5 15s 6d, horse hire.—Judgement for defendant, with costs, 21s.

E. Tupker v. Star of the East Q.M. Company.—Claim for £28, wages.—Judgement for plaintiff, with costs, £1 10s. Execution to be stayed for 14 days.

WARDEN'S COURT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

(Before Major Keddell, Warden.)

APPLICATIONS.

Extended Claim—Thomas Hunter, Quartzville—granted.

Tail Race—Adam Aitken, Pipeclay Gully—granted.

Water Race—Ann B. Shade, Mt. Pisa. No objection lodged; application granted.

San Francisco mail news states that Captain Jack Barry is organizing Immigration Clubs in the United Kingdom. He held a successful meeting at Waltham to promote immigration to New Zealand.

The serious depression which has so long existed in every industry throughout this district has not been lost sight of by W. TALBOYS, who happily has been in a position to mitigate the evil to some extent by selling his Drapery and other Stock at prices lower than ever. By judicious cash purchases while the market was favorable, the proprietor of London House secured large stocks of splendid goods for spring and summer wear, and which he is enabled to dispose of at prices never before known in Cromwell. Every article of its kind is good and substantial, and will be found full value. Call and inspect before purchasing.—W. TALBOYS' London House, Cromwell.—[Adv.]

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNDEE DAILIES.)

CALCUTTA, December 15.

Fighting still continued around Cabul on the 14th.

The Afghans, who were numerically superior to the British, made a desperate attack on the heights south of the city, occupied by British troops, on the 13th. General Roberts consequently decided to abandon the heights, concentrating on the cantonments of Sharpan, north of Cabul.

Orders have been given to Generals Gough and Arbuthnot to bring up reinforcements from Gundamak and Jellalabad.

December 16.

Further details of the fighting on the 14th are to hand. The Afghans, to the number of 30,000, made several desperate attacks on General Roberts, who lost one gun. He telegraphed to the Viceroy that help was urgently necessary.

The Viceroy is preparing the Madras army for active service, in the event of Lord Beaconsfield directing the invasion of Burmah.

King Theeban has declined to guarantee more courteous treatment of residents.

The rebellion in Afghanistan is spreading among the friendly tribes.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 16.

Reports are generally current of a quarrel between the Czar and Czarewitch. The latter demands a constitutional Government for the Empire, which the former refuses to accede to.

LONDON, December 16.

Parliament is summoned to meet for despatch of business on February 15th.

The Court has granted a writ of error in Arthur Orton's case upon doubts whether the Court was empowered to pass two sentences for the same offences.

CALCUTTA, December 17.

Telegraphic communication with cable is interrupted near Jagadab Pass.

General Gough reports that the tribes beyond Gundamak are obstructing the British advance.

It is believed that the British are in position at Sharpan in strong cantonments, with strong fortifications, outside Cabul. The hills in the rear are in possession of the British troops. The British entrenchments have been improved. The force is with ample supplies of material, and there is reason to believe that the position is tenable, pending the arrival of reinforcements.

LONDON, December 18.

The New Zealand loan is quoted at 99.

The report of the liquidators of the Glasgow Bank states that the final payment will be speedily made. A further dividend is announced, making 15s in all.

The Lord-Lieutenant has applied for subscriptions to relieve the distress existing in Ireland.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 18.

The Empress is ill with a severe attack of pleurisy.

CALCUTTA, December 18.

Sirdar Adbullus Khan has seized the city of Herat and proclaimed himself Governor of the citadel.

Ayoub Khan, his brother, has been seized and imprisoned.

In addition to the troops with Baker and M'Pherson, General Roberts' force numbers 5,000, with 20 guns.

December 19.

Notwithstanding the open hostility of the tribes preventing the marching of troops previously, General Gough, started from Gandamak for Cabul on the 17th. He encountered no opposition, and marched all day. He telegraphed on the 18th that he had met with no serious opposition. Norman, with a strong force, is co-operating with General Gough in maintaining communication.

LONDON, December 19.

General Gough marched on Gundamak, attempting to occupy Jagdalak Pass, when the hostile tribes in overwhelming strength checked his advance, and seriously imperilled the force of General Nugent. A strong detachment is advancing in forced marches to his relief.

In response to the appeal of the Viceroy, Lord Napier of Magdala will be summoned from London, probably to conduct the Afghan War.

Nihilists attempted to assassinate the Governor of Moscow. The Governor is uninjured.

The programme is published of the Arrow District Races to take place on the 26th and 27th instant. The advertised amount to be run for is £100. With exception of two events of 15 sovs. each, the races are confined to Lake County horses.

Private contractors complain that men are unwilling to accept employment at 7s a day because they can go on the Government railway works at Mullocky Gully and earn as much as 11s a day at piecework. We (*Daily Times*) do not think the scale of Government remuneration should be fixed so high as to interfere with private enterprise. We believe between 5,000 and 6,000 men are now employed by the Government on various railway works throughout the colony, and practically the Government has thus acquired the control of the labor market.

We have received the "New Zealand Volunteer Service Gazette" for the current month. It is fully up to the usual high standard. Among other interesting reading we find the following letter from "Big Gun," on a matter that has created some comment among Volunteers outside the Queenstown corps:—"I observe that the Queenstown Rifles—a corps existing principally on paper in a country district in the heart of Otago—has been changed into an Artillery Battery. The reason of this is exceedingly difficult to discover, but the absurdity is apparent. I suppose the Government will now mount the new 7-ton guns on the highest peak of the mountains, with which the district is plentifully blessed. The next thing to do would be to turn the Cromwell Rifles into a Naval Brigade and the Arrow Rifles into a Torpedo Corps; and then all the nations on the face of the earth may be defied with impunity."

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

"The Conyers" is the name of a Masonic Lodge recently opened at Christchurch.

It is reported that the Waimea Plains (Southland) railway will be opened during March.

Mr F. A. Weld, the Governor of Tasmania, and formerly Premier of New Zealand, is to be knighted.

The Rev. A. H. Stobo, after 20 years' ministration in Invercargill, has been obliged to resign his charge, owing to continued ill-health.

The Native Minister is of opinion that just claims to the amount of £50,000 are lodgable against the colony for losses in connection with the Maori war.

A Christchurch builder named Matthew Allan last Wednesday took liquid ammonia in mistake for his medicine, and died the following day. His age was 70 years.

It is said that under the Property Tax two of the sheep lords of Canterbury will have to pay between them £6,800 a year; the Hon W. Robinson £2,800, and Mr W. Rhodes £4,000.

At Sydney, on Sunday, 15th instant, two girls, aged 15, fought with their fists, nearly naked, in the presence of a mob, in a low suburb. The fight was apparently pre-arranged.

In the Fencing Bill lately introduced in the Legislative Council by Mr Waterhouse, and now approved by Parliament, there are no less than 18 different kinds of "sufficient fences" described.

A deputation on behalf of a large number of substantial Lincolnshire farmers, who desire a trustworthy report on New Zealand as a field for emigration, has arrived by the Ringarooma from Melbourne.

Mr France, one of the best rifle shots in England, has arrived in Wellington from Home by the Arethusa. He has with him an iron safe about 2ft 6in high, full of cups and trophies won by that gentleman in various contests in the old country.

A Justice of the Peace in Dunedin a few days ago, observing two men thrashing a dog, told them to desist, and, in reply, was recommended to mind his own business. In the Police Court subsequently they were informed that a Justice of the Peace had all the powers of a constable, and that this particular one was minding his own business on the occasion in question.

An extraordinary cricket match took place between the Tasmanian and East Melbourne elevens on the ground of the latter, on 10th inst. The East Melbourne men, remaining at the wickets two days, scored 742, which was only once exceeded in England. Horan scored 250, not out, after seven hours at the wickets. The game was drawn.

Speaking of the results of the present high tariff, the Dunedin *Evening Star* says:—"Prices have been advanced by the retail traders in most outrageous disproportion to the increase of duty. For every shilling which goes to the State we believe we are within the mark in stating the consumer will be mulcted in three, two-thirds of which go to swell the already sufficiently large profits of the retailer."

A Parliamentary return just to hand gives the cost in detail of the last session of Parliament, which lasted somewhere about a month. The "demned total," as Mr Mantalini would have said, amounts to £29,955 9s 10d. The representatives of the people and the wealthy nominees of the Council between them sacked out of the pockets of the "down-trodden serfs" £22,730 17s 6d. Not a bad haul for less than a month's work. Many of the members of the House pocketed certainly their last public money, whilst those who were re-elected possibly spent the lot in the fight for their seats. It is, however, utterly preposterous that the Legislative Councillors should have received £400 each this year.

Under certain circumstances of what may be considered personal organisation it is a good thing—a remarkably good thing—to be a Minister of the Crown in New Zealand. A return has lately been laid on the table of the House of all sums paid to Ministers for house allowance, travelling expenses, or any other allowance in excess of salary from July 1st, 1878, to October 31st, 1879. Mr Sheehan, who occupied a very snug Ministerial residence, and therefore with the most exemplary continence did not draw "house allowance," contrived pretty well to make up for this in other ways. During the 16 months which the return covers this exemplary member of the Liberal Cabinet milked the treasury to the extent of £552 10s for travelling allowance, and £401 16s for carriage hire. It is further understood that under the latter head sundry considerable items for cab hire in Wellington are still under reference to the audit. As the soft goods advertisements say: "These facts speak for themselves."

An agitation has recently arisen in Dunedin for the erection of a monument in honor of the Scottish poet, Robert Burns. Commenting on this the *North Otago Times* very sensibly remarks:—"If the people of Dunedin are really desirous of testifying their reverence for the genius of Burns let them do so in a manner which might reasonably be supposed to meet the approval of the bard himself. Let them build a refuge for suffering humanity, endow a college, or found a scholarship for the sons of poor men, calling the useful thing done by the name of the poet; but do not let them waste their money on some ostentatious gewgaw which cannot add to the fame of the dead, and will do no good to the living."

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL NEWS.

Charles Dickens' widow is dead. Park Hall, near Evesham, the seat of the Earl of Yarmouth, has been burned. The loss is £100,000.

Two houses fell at Tottenham Court road, crushing one man and injuring several.

Mr Gladstone is Earl Roseberry's guest during the contest for Midlothian. The Edinburgh Liberals gave him a tremendous reception.

Heavy snows have occurred in Aberdeenshire. The harvest in many of the neighboring districts is not completed.

Arrests are being made in Ireland for language in public speeches calculated to incite to a breach of the peace. Mr Daily, editor of the *Connaught Telegraph*, Michael Davitt, and James Bryce were taken to Sligo and remanded. 17 warrants are out for other persons charged with similar offences.

In the County Sligo a farmer named Flaherty was dragged out of his bed by a party of disguised men, who out of one of his ears and beat him unmercifully for paying rent in advance.

Irish agitation has attained alarming proportions. 17 warrants are reported to have been issued for seditious language, including five clergymen.

The garrisons of Westport, Clare, Castlereagh, Belfast, and other places in Ireland have been strongly reinforced, and the constabulary are under arms day and night.

Many Irish landlords are leaving the country through fear.

Three additional regiments are under orders to proceed to Ireland.

A new source of apprehension concerning the military has arisen. A large proportion of the soldiers about to be sent to Ireland are Irish, and hints are thrown out that if ordered to fire upon their countrymen they will refuse to obey. In the barracks of these regiments Home Rule and Nationalist journalists of Ireland are often seen, and emissaries from Ireland are frequent visitors to the soldiers.

A dispatch from Pittsville, Pennsylvania, of November 22nd, says there will be a general turning-out of Irish Nationalists throughout the State to-morrow.

At a recent meeting of Nationalists at Mahoney City, it was resolved to take up the cause of Davitt, Killen, and Daly.

In nearly every village, town, and city in the coal and iron country are lodges of Irish Nationalists or branches of Fenian confederacies, and meetings of the organisation has been called.

A leading officer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians says hundreds of members are anxious to get to Canada to invade the British possessions, in retaliation for the arrest and imprisonment of the three advocates of Ireland's liberty.

The British Government's arrangements for watching the Fenian movement in America is very perfect.

The Local Government have made a special report to the Imperial Government respecting the state of affairs in Ireland. The potato crop is everywhere deficient and inferior. Pauperism is increasing, especially in Ulster.

The officers of Russian cruisers have stated to American officers that a Volunteer fleet is now organising, and intends, in the event of war, to force the colonies of Great Britain to declare their independence, or otherwise their commerce will be destroyed.

A public meeting was held at Nottingham, Dr Kenealy presiding, to promote the candidature of the Tichborne Claimant for Parliament. "Captain" Jack Barry was one of the speakers, and he behaved in a most extraordinary and eccentric manner.

Thirteen persons returning from a fair were drowned in crossing from Lochindal to Islay.

Mr Parnell, the Home Ruler, will not go to the United States.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has pronounced the agitation in Ireland to be a most dangerous one, and which assumes an agrarian character of the worst type.

Cardinal Manning has gone to Rome to endeavor to win the assent of the Vatican to his long-cherished scheme which, by admitting certain changes in the external organisation of the Catholic Church in England, will facilitate the return to Catholicism of an important group of English Protestants.

The Lord Mayor's procession was of the usual character, with the exception that the ex-Mayor was vigorously hissed by a crowd of Irish.

By the fall of a gallery at Dewsbury, Yorkshire, two persons were killed and 20 seriously injured. The occasion was a Liberal political meeting.

At Sheffield the iron trade continues to improve.

Gambetta has declared war against the Waddington Cabinet.

Prince Jerome Napoleon has surrounded himself with a complete diplomatic household, and is assuming the manner of a competitor for the Presidency.

It is proposed to deepen the Seine at a cost of 36,000,000 francs.

The French Press are dissatisfied with Lord Beaconsfield's speech, and distrust the English Egyptian Policy.

A cartridge factory at the Toulon Arsenal exploded, seriously injuring 15 women and children.

It is reported that two French explorers have discovered the source of the Niger.

An agreement has been come to between Germany and the Vatican, Bismarck making concession.

The German Government offers the Duke of Cumberland an assurance of succession to the Duchy of Brunswick, on condition that he renounces all claim to the throne of Hanover.

One hundred thousand copies of a proscribed publication are reported to have been discovered in Moscow. The pamphlets had counterfeits of the permission of the censor.

In consequence of the menacing attitude of Abyssinia towards Egypt, the British gunboat Sea Gull has been ordered to Massowah to protect the property of British subjects.

The St. Petersburg *Gazette* is forbidden to be sold in the streets of towns in Germany, on account of several articles entitled "German Women," which are full of insults to the nation.

Prince Bismarck has requested the Russian Government to withdraw a force of 20,000 cavalry from Poland, on the borders of German territory.

Russian officers on leave of absence have been ordered to rejoin their regiments immediately.

At a Guy Fawkes' riot in Exeter, the troops were called out, the Riot Act read, and rifles loaded with ball. The police quelled the riot by the use of clubs, under cover of the military demonstration.

Lady C. Gooch, wife of Sir Francis Gooch, well-known in connection with the attempt to palm off a spurious child on her husband, is dead.

Mr Farroon, ex-mayor of London, has received a letter threatening him with death if he speaks against the Irish at any public meeting.

General Grant was struck in the face with an egg at the public reception in his own State of Illinois.

An engine and passenger train, with 152 people aboard, were precipitated into the Hackensack River, the drawbridge having been left open by the keeper. The loss of life was small, but many were seriously wounded.

Count Schonvaloff's resignation as English Ambassador has been accepted. He is to remain a member of the Council of the empire. Lobanoff succeeds him.

Two hundred inhabitants of Trifun, a point of Eastern Siberia perished by famine.

The *Golos* admits a Russian defeat in Central Asia, and says the affair culminated in an indelible panic. The percentage of loss was enormous and unprecedented. Russia is disposed to abandon the idea of conquering the Turks.

The same paper says that in the event of England attempting to violate Turkish independence and at the same time infringe on the vital interests of Russia, a collision between the Powers would be more convenient for the latter on the confines of Asia Minor than in the depth of Central Asia.

Student disturbances are frequent in the St. Petersburg University. Several arrests have been made, and the library closed.

A terrible storm occurred at Odessa, causing enormous damage, and several wrecks in the harbor. The quays and naval establishments suffered heavily.

The Countess de Motigo, mother of the ex-Empress Eugenie, died at Madrid.

After trial, Cardinali and his mistress Raffaella Saraceni, widow of Captain Fadda, were found guilty of the murder of the latter. Cardinali was sentenced to death and the woman to imprisonment. Raffaella conceived a passion for Cardinali, who was at a circus, and he at her request murdered the captain, her husband, in his own lodgings.

The village of Vitzan, in Switzerland, at the foot of a ridge of mountains, is threatened with destruction by a wall of rock in the rear of it showing signs of falling.

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